(b) what steps Government propose to take to protest rights of the legitimate cassets producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Through newspaper reports and representations received, the Government are aware that piracy of music casettes still exists in the country.

(b) As a measure to check piracy, the Copyright Act, 1957 has been amended by the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1984 by which the punishment for copyright infringement has been increased and made mandatory so as to have a deterrent effect on the incidence of piracy. Punishment has been increased for second and subsequent convictions. Copyright infringement has also been made a cognisable offence. It has also been declared as an Economic Offence so that the period of limitation provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for offences will not be applicable to this offence. The producers of records are required to display particulars of copyright ownership etc. on the record as well as the container thereof, so as to prima-facie distinguish genuine records.

Under the provisions of the Indian Copyright Act. 1957, copyright is a proprietary right and it is for the owners of copyright to institute civil or criminal proceedings in the appropriate court of law for enforcement of their rights.

Misappropriation of funds in the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan

1236. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dirctor of the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan was invoved in misappriation of funds to the tune Rs. Seven lakhs and was found guilty by a Committee appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development but no action has since been taken against him; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) On the basis of the complaints received about alleged financial and administrative irregularities, the Ministry constituted an Inspecton Team in September, 1981 to enqnire into the allegations. The Governing Council of the Sansthan in its meeting held on 2nd July, 1982, empowered the Chairman of the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (Union Deputy Minister for Education, Culture and Social Welfare) to constitute a sub-committee of the Governing Council to examine the report of the Inspection Team and to scrutinise the items purchased by the Sansthan. The Chairman was authorised to take a decision on the report of the Sub-Committee. The sub-committee so constituted submitted its report to the Chairman in August, 1982. After considering the report, it was found that there were no mala fide intentions and the purchases had been made keeping in view the needs of the Sansthan particularly those arising from the expansion of its activities. It was decided to regularise the purchases and settle payments with various parties. The Government decided to close the case. The above decision of the Chairman was also reported to the members of the Governing Council and Mandal in the meetings held on 9th and 10th April, 1983.

Foreign companies engaged in Shipping Industry in India

1237. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreoign companies are working in the shipping industry in India; and

(b) if so, what are their names alongwith the names of the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A number of foreign shipping companies are operating in India's overseas trade from/to various Indian ports. Some of the important foreign shipping companies are American President Lines (USA), Anchor Line (U.K.), Lloyd Trisino (Italy), Nedllyod Lingnen (Netherland), Polish Ocean Lints (Poland), Jugolinini Rajeka (Yugoslavia), Blask Sea Shipping Co. (USSR). Overseas Containers (U.K.), Pakistan Shipping Corporation (Pakistan), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (Bangladesh) etc.

Shipping Chartered by Shipping Corporation of India

1238. SHRI BIR BHANDRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ships chartered by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Bombay, during the last three years and the total amount of chartering charges paid to each owner along with the names of brokers both domestic and foreign;

(b) what efforts are being made to develop coastal trade with small-six container vessels;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian trade for export business is greately suffering due to want of proper containre vessels for plying between coast to coast: and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and further action proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Shipping Corporation of India Limited has already developed regular feeder services along the Indian coast. The feeder services are at present being operated partly by cellular container ships taken on time charter and partly by SCI's combi ships.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Saudi aid for Nava Sheva Port

1239. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic Times, Delhi of the 25th April, 1986 under the caption "Saudis to cofinance Nava Sheva";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the details of aid that is likely to be available for the development of the Part?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes. An Indian Delegation recently visited Riyadh and held detailed discussion with the Saudi Fund Authorities for co-financing Nhava Sheva Port Project. The Saudi Fund representatives aer schedule to visit India shortly for concluding the loan agreement.

(c) The draft loan agreement to be entered into with Saudi Fund Authorities envisages a loan of 141 million Sadui Riyals (equivalent to 39.63 million us dollars) likely to be given by Saudi Fund Authorities to Government of India for co-financing "Filling Works" component of this project. The term of the loan is 20 years, including a five year grace period.

Demurrage charged at port for delayed clearance of cargo

1240. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ships are charged demurrage for delayed clearance of their cargo and if so, what are the rules governing demurrage at major Indian ports;